Mop-up vaccination rounds are also conducted in the districts and adjoining areas where new cases are detected.

Upgradation of Medical College in Assam

29. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to upgrade any medical College in Assam at par with AIIMS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will take such proposal in the interest of people of North-East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to upgrade any medical college in Assam at for with AIIMS. However, proposals have been received under the Scheme "Support for Development of Additional facilities at specialization and super-specialisation at 3 medical colleges in Assam" at a total cost of Rs. 2714.48 lakhs. These will be considered if funds are available after addressing the various health programmes.

Infrastructural deficiencies in hospitals

30. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been undertaken, in co-ordination with the States, to assess the infrastructural deficiencies in hospitals in various States in the wake of death of 14 children in two days in September, 2002 in the State-run B.C. Memorial Hospital in Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to help the States in upgrading their infrastructure and other facilities in the hospitals and also for effecting structural changes like inclusion of private and community representatives in the State Medical Councils etc., towards greater participation and awareness on the needs of health system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of the respective State Government to provide medical facilities to its people as well as financial assistance for hospital project keeping in view their priorities and availability of resources.

However, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has implemented following three pilot projects under which financial assistance has been provided to the State Government hospitals for upgrading their infrastructure and other facilities:—

(i) upgradation and strengthening of Emergency facilities of State Hospitals of Towns/Cities located on National Highways;

(ii) providing financial support to the selected government hospital for Hospital Waste Management; and

(iii) financial assistance to the selected Government Medical Colleges for strengthening of diagnostic facilities.

For upgrading secondary health care systems, the following seven States have been provided with World Bank Assistance under the State Health Systems Projects:—

State	Project Outlay (in crores)
Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 698.00
West Bengal	Rs. 698.00
Karnataka	Rs. 546.00
Punjab	Rs. 425.00
Orissa	Rs. 415.57
Maharashtra	Rs. 727.00
Uttar Pradesh	US$ 110 million

This Ministry is not concerned with effecting structural changes like inclusion of private and community representative in the State medical Councils etc. towards greater participation and awareness on the needs of health system since State Medical Councils are established and regularized under the State Acts.